

SLAVE STAMPEDES IN MARYLAND.— The Baltimore *American* says that in looking over its Maryland exchanges, it has been struck by the number of advertisements of runaway slaves. On the border counties, especially, this species of property is becoming a very unsafe investment. The owners of slaves, are beginning to arouse themselves to the necessity of instituting some effectual means of protection from such great and frequently recurring losses, which annually amount throughout the State to sums that would scarcely be credited.

The *American* adds that large amounts are appropriated by abolition societies for the very purpose of engaging parties to run off slaves, which operate as so many rewards. A regular system is in operation for this purpose. Certain parties, as appears from the abolition society reports, received one hundred and fifty dollars for every adult male slave and one hundred dollars for every adult female slave they decoy from their masters. These persons in their turn employ agents to effect their objects, and are thus enabled to make a lucrative business of plundering the citizens of our State of their property.— One of the slave-stealers, residing in Delaware, showed by his books to the society which employed him that he had run off to the free States, 2,059 slaves. Funds in abundance are furnished by Northern and English fanaticism for this purpose.